

REMARKS

Claims 12, 16, 25, 34, 50, 62, 78, 80 and 84 have been amended and claims 15, 53 and 79 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4-41, 43-71 and 73-90 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Allowed Claims:

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 40, 41, 43-49, 71 and 73-77 have been allowed by the Examiner. Applicants thank the Examiner for consideration of these claims.

Section 103(a) Rejection:

The Examiner rejected claims 12-14, 20-39, 50-52, 54-70, 78 and 81-90 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson (“XML JavaBeans Integration, Part 3”, 7/1999) in view of Allen (U.S. Patent 6,658,625). While Applicants maintain their traversal of this rejection, in order to expedite prosecution, independent claims 12, 25, 34, 50, 62, 78 and 84 have been amended to include subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner, as explained below.

Allowed/Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 15-19, 53 and 79-80 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form (Final Action, dated February 21, 2008, p 2). As noted above, independent claims 12, 25, 34, 50, 62, 78 and 84 have been amended to recite subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner.

Specifically, claims 12, 50, and 78 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 15, 53 and 79, respectively. Additionally, claims 25, 34 and 84 have been amended to recite subject matter similar to claims 15, 53 and 79.

Claim 62 has been amended to include subject matter similar to that recited in allowed claim 1.

Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that independent claims 12, 25, 34, 50, 62, 78 and 84, as well as their respective dependent claims, are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-72000/RCK.

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